



# Belmont Primary School News

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Issue # 16

Coming Events

Friday

9 November

CREEC Incurtion  
Rooms 7 & 9  
SIS—Mr Baillie

Sunday

11 November

Remembrance Day



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Lest We Forget*

Friday

16 November

Assembly  
Room 4—Year 2/3

Quote of the Fortnight

“Difference between school and life? **School** teaches you lessons and then gives you a test. **Life** gives you a test and you learn the lessons.”

Anon

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Swimming Lessons:** We had a fantastic increase in the number of students who attended swimming this year. Living in Australia, it is essential that children learn how to swim and develop basic water survival skills. I am aware that some children became sick during this 2 week period, and questions were raised about swimming times. I put in preferences every year, aiming for Term 4 so that the Pre-Primary children can attend, and hoping that the weather will be warmer. However, times are organised by the Swimming and Water Safety directorate in consultation with the pool centre, and taking into consideration the requests of other schools in our district. We have been fortunate that our allocations have not been during the winter months. These allocations are also done 12 months in advance. Our lessons for 2019 are planned for the end of 4th term. Thanks for your understanding in how these allocations are made.

**Interschool Athletics Carnival**—Friday, 2nd November. Congratulations to all students who were selected to represent Belmont PS and a special “thanks” to Mrs

McDonald for her organisation for this event. Thanks, too, to all staff members who assisted on the day.

**School Council Meetings:** We had a very productive meeting Thursday, 1st November where Council members reviewed the Contributions and Charges for 2019. This letter will go home to all families with our next newsletter on the 16th November. Instead of purchasing a workbook next year, we are currently researching an on-line Literacy program which will include Spelling, Reading, Grammar and Writing programs, linked to the West Australian curriculum. We will be looking for new parent members next year, so have a chat with one of our current parent representatives about what we do in Council meetings if you are interested. We hold our meetings during school time so that you don't have to worry about baby sitters, or coming out at night time.

**Solution Fluency:** If you have walked around the hallways, you might have noticed some work on Solution Fluency. This process follows the 6 D's (Define, Discover, Dream, Design, Deliver and Debrief) and students learn this process to critically solve problems (without teacher direction) Our first problem was “What do you feel is the most important problem in the world

today?" You will notice that the problems differ from year level—but they are students' ideas on what they consider to be things that worry them the most. They then come up with their own solutions to solve these problems, based on what they research. The presentation of the project remains student focussed. The hardest part has been for teachers to stand on the side and not direct how they think it should be presented, or what they feel are the problems which need to be solved. Ask your children what their problems were and which one they chose to solve! I have been very impressed with the work I have seen so far! Well done, kids!

### Another Couple of Reminders:

**Arrival to School:** I have noticed that some students are once again arriving to school before 8:00am. To date, I only have one parent request for their child to be here by 8:00am. Classes open at 8:30am and students should not arrive to school until 8:15am at the earliest to take part in the Breakfast Club—and to come straight to the Undercover Area with their school bags.

Thanks for your cooperation in leaving the school grounds by 3:15pm—greatly appreciated.

Last, but not least.....could I please ask that we return to wearing our official blue uniform. The 120 Celebration shirt was only for last term—it looks good, but isn't part of our School Uniform. I have noticed that there are still students wearing the Celebration Shirt to school.

Enjoy your weekend—hope it's a sunny one!

*Stephanne Dann.....Principál*

### Interschool Athletics Carnival

I would like to congratulate all students who attended the Interschool Athletics Carnival last Friday. I am so proud of the way each of you represented our school and tried your hardest in all events. Special thanks also goes to the staff who came along to assist - your support is invaluable!

Well done team!

*Mrs McDonald.....Phys Ed / Year 5/6 Teacher*



## Fiver For A Farmer

On Tuesday, 16 October Room 4 did a fundraiser for "Fiver for a Farmer". It was to raise money for struggling farmers on the east coast of Australia, we raised a whopping \$340.

We dressed up as farmers for the day and Room 4 taught the school a cowboy dance and we sang "Old MacDonald Had a Farm". Thank you to every-one who donated on the day. 😊

Mrs Rigby.....Year 2/3 Teacher



## Science Corner



### Science News

Mr Baillie, our Scientist in Schools, will return on Friday 9 November to visit the Year 5/6 class and Year 3/4 class. At his last visit the students were very excited as they were able to hold a gold bar. He also spoke with the students about rocks and minerals.

Friday morning the senior classes will be going on an excursion to the Canning River Eco Centre in Wilson.

This will be a free excursion subsidised by the Perth Airport Environmental program. Each class will participate in a Workshop-Take a Dip or Bush Detectives.

## Waste Wise



Please keep saving the items for our Recycling Centre as we do use them.

Place all the items at the Recycle Centre outside Room 3. Batteries are to be sent to the students' classes.

Thank you for your support.

**Fact**— The average household throws away almost 13,000 pieces of paper each year. Most is packaging and junk mail.

## SunSmart



It does not have to be hot for sunburn to occur. Most people get burnt when the temperature is between 18 and 27 degrees, Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide!

## Crunch&Sip®

Make sure you have your water bottle full so you can sip through the day and bring in a piece of fruit and /or vegetable to crunch.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Crunch&Sip®

#### Packing a healthy lunchbox

A lunchbox should contain about one third of a child's food for the day. Remember to also pack a water bottle and a Crunch&Sip® snack, preferably vegetables. For a healthy lunchbox pick an item from each of the key groups:

<p>1. Vegetables as snacks or as a filling</p>	<p>2. Fruit as snacks</p>	<p>3. Bread &amp; Cereals wholegrain or multi</p>
<p>4. Dairy rich in calcium reduced fat milk, yoghurt, cheese or alternatives</p>	<p>5. Meat and meat alternatives rich in protein</p>	<p>6. Crunch&amp;Sip® vegetables or fruit and a water bottle</p>

## Water Wise

Now is the time to reset your sprinklers ready for the summer months.



**Fact**—A litre of water weighs 1.01kg

Tip



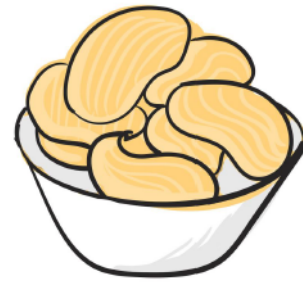
**Reduce your lawn**  
 Reducing your lawn to just the area you need will save water and maintenance. If there's an area of lawn that you don't use, consider converting it to a waterwise garden to save water.



End of Year Whole School IncurSION

To celebrate our wonderful year of learning, developing and enjoying school at Belmont Primary the students will participate in a **Free Fun Day on Wednesday 12 December 2018**. All classes, except the Year 6 group as they will be having fun on their graduation activities, will be involved. The students will take part in a tabloid Games morning with activities planned by the staff.

In the afternoon we will be having Rippa Arvo.



Potato chip

Individual bags **FOR SALE**

**\$1.00 each**

*Only available Mondays 3.00pm-3.15pm  
 at the Uniform Shop (until end of term)*

*Please no loitering following purchase*

This is a P&C fundraiser with money raised going towards the school nature garden

**OM-NOM-NOM-NOM!!**



## Community News



### VacSwim Swimming Lessons

You can now enrol your children in VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays. VacSwim programs are held at pools and beaches all across Western Australia.

VacSwim is for all children – from beginners through to advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation. Your children can start as young as five years old.

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming).

#### Please note.

Enrolments close in November 2018. Specific closing dates for different VacSwim programs are on the Vacswim [website](#). Parents can enrol their children [online](#).

## PARENTING

### West Leederville Nov/Dec 2018

Relationships Australia, are proud to offer the following parenting workshops to the community of West Leederville and surrounds!

**Partners to Parents** Sat 10 Nov 10am-12.30pm \$30 p/person  
To assist couples manage the transition from being a couple to becoming parents.

**Parent-Teen Connection**  
Sat 17 Nov 9.30am-4.30pm \$50pp/\$75pcouple

**Parenting after Separation**  
Wed 5 Dec 6.30-9.00pm \$30 p/person

**Dads Raising Teen Girls**  
Wed 5 Dec 6.30-9.00pm \$30 p/person

**Dads Raising Boys**  
Mon 10 Dec 6.30-9.00pm \$30 p/person

**Survival Kit for Separating Dad**  
Wed 12 Dec 6.30-9.00pm \$30 p/person  
Separation presents many challenges for men especially fathers. If you are going through a separation or divorce this course will provide a supportive place to acknowledge the challenges you are experiencing through this process. We will assist you to identify some practical coping strategies so that you can feel more positive about yourself and your future.  
*(We strongly recommend all separating dads attend this course prior to any other course, particularly parenting courses.)*

**Successful Single Parenting**  
Wed 12 Dec 6.30-9.00pm \$30 p/person

Places are limited - please contact (08) 6164 0200 to register today!

For more information about our courses and workshops please click [here](#) or visit [www.relationships.org.au](http://www.relationships.org.au)



**VACSWIM 2018-19**

**Enrol your children in swimming lessons during the summer school holidays.**

**Choose from four VacSwim programs:**

<p><b>Country early start program</b> Every day from Saturday 15 December to Friday 21 December 2018 <b>Enrolments close</b> Sunday 4 November 2018</p>	<p><b>Program 1</b> Every weekday from Wednesday 2 January to Friday 11 January 2019 <b>Enrolments close</b> Sunday 11 November 2018</p>
<p><b>Short program</b> Every day from Monday 7 January to Friday 11 January 2019 <b>Enrolments close</b> Sunday 11 November 2018</p>	<p><b>Program 2</b> Every weekday from Monday 14 January to Friday 25 January 2019 <b>Enrolments close</b> Sunday 18 November 2018</p>